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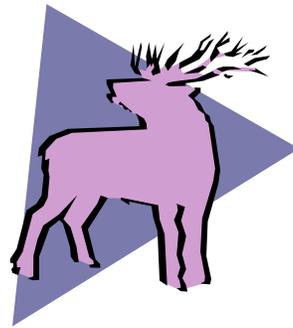
Bozeman Trail Gun Show - Dec. 11 - 13

The Big Game and Trophy Gun Show put on by Bozeman Trail Promotions begins Friday, December 11 and runs through Sunday.

This show offers hunting firearms, western collectibles, antiques, and western and wildlife art for sale or trade. Big

game trophy displays and Boone and Crocket scoring by Fish, Wildlife and Parks are all part of this show. Not just for men!

Gun Show Hours
Friday: 5pm - 8pm
Saturday: 9am - 6pm
Sunday: 9am - 3pm



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Do You Like to Volunteer ...

There are many opportunities available at the Fairgrounds if you like to volunteer. The Gallatin County Fair in July and the Wild West WinterFest in February are the two

main events where volunteers are always needed.

It may be office help, admission gates, taking entries or even displaying items from open class entries, but your help is

always needed somewhere.

If you are interested, please contact the Fairgrounds office at 582-3270 for volunteer opportunities.

Need a Weekend "Lift" to Bridger Bowl?

Bridger Bowl will once again operate weekend FREE skier busses. The Park-N-Ride bus will make multiple round trips from the Gallatin County Fairgrounds to the ski hill.

The FREE kids bus will operate on Saturdays, Sundays, Bozeman school holidays and

spring break (except Christmas day). The kids bus will leave from **McDonald's on Main Street** and stop at the Fairgrounds for pickup. The main parking lot at the Fairgrounds will also be designated as the parking area for all carpooling skiers and riders.

Please check the following website for departure times and possible

schedule changes: www.bridgerbowl.com/themountain/skierbus

Bridger Bowl opens December 11 and runs through April 4, 2010. Daily hours at the ski hill are 9am - 4pm and on Christmas 10am - 4pm.



HOLIDAY
GREETINGS
FROM THE
FAIRGROUNDS
STAFF!

*Sue, Debbie, Karlene,
Linda, Jaime, Ginger,
Phil, Rod, Bill,
Darryl & Bob*

Bozeman Kiwanis Annual Pancake Breakfast

Start the day off right by supporting the Bozeman Kiwanis' Club Annual "Cakes for Kids" at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds on Saturday, December 5 from 7:00am through 1:00pm in exhibit building #4.

Breakfast is all you can eat pancakes with strawberry topping, ham, juice and coffee. Adults are just \$5 and children are \$2.50. The Bozeman High School Key Club will be doing kids face painting and balloon animals. Other entertainment will be present and there is a rumor that Santa may appear!

All proceeds go to support area service projects for Kiwanis Young Children: Priority One (YCPO) which addresses the needs of young children.



WILD WEST WINTERFEST February 12 - 14, 2010

Mark your calendar and plan on getting out to enjoy the Gallatin County Fairgrounds signature event; the Wild West WinterFest. There will be lots of FUN for the whole family ... you won't want to miss this! Re-turning by popular demand is the Carhartt-ing boot-scootin' dancing with great mu-Horse Sale preview is Friday evening turning favorites include the Chili Cook-Lou's Petting Zoo, the Working Horse & heart Fur & Feather Show, the Frontier also participate by entering your quilts graph in the open Photography Show and Children's Art Show. There is also a "youth enter. Entry forms and rules will be posted on the Fairgrounds around mid-December. Keep check-



Sweetheart Barn Dance on Saturday evening offer- sicc provided by "Western Skies". The All-Breed with the sale starting at noon on Saturday. Re- off, Dog Keg-Pull Contest, McLien's Farm Barn, Driver Contest, Hockey Tournament, Sweet- Mercantile and much, much MORE. You can in the open Quilt Show, your favorite photo- even your children can enter their art work in the division" for quilts and photography. It's free to the Fairgrounds around mid-December. Keep check-



Alpacas



Dog Keg Pull Contest



Petting Zoo



Chili Cook-Off



Working Horse & Driver



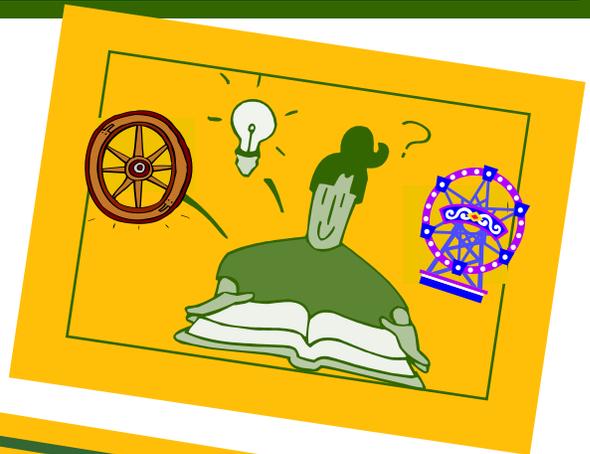
Rabbit & Poultry Show



All Breed Horse Sale

2010 GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR

DESIGN A
LOGO
CONTEST!



2010 Fair Theme is:
“Wagon Wheels to Ferris Wheels!”

- \$100 1ST PRIZE!
- ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE ONE FREE FAIR ADMISSION
- ALL ENTRIES WILL BE DISPLAYED AT THE 2010 GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY BY JANUARY 15, 2010
TO:

GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR
901 NORTH BLACK
BOZEMAN, MT 59715

Office: (406)582-3270 Fax: (406)582-3273
or e-mail: fairgrounds@gallatin.mt.gov

**DEADLINE
for entering
logo contest is
JANUARY 15,
2010**

Please pay close attention to the Rules & Requirements. If your logo does not include all required information, it will be disqualified.

- RULES:**
- ◆ This contest is open to everyone!
 - ◆ The design must incorporate the Fair theme:

"Wagon Wheels to Ferris Wheels"
 - Entries will not be returned and will become the property of the Fair Board. Entries will be displayed at the 2010 Gallatin County Fair.
 - Participants will receive one fair admission (not to be confused with one fair admission per logo submitted)
 - Please cut out your design!

- REQUIREMENTS:**
- ❑ Logo designs MUST be circular, 2.25 inches in diameter.
 - ❑ Logo MUST contain the following phrases (please double-check spelling & dates):

GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR
"WAGON WHEELS TO FERRIS WHEELS!"
JULY 21-25, 2010
 - ❑ Entry MUST include designer's name, address, and phone number on the back of your button entry.
 - ❑ Circular design MUST be cut out!



*Thank you
Elizabeth Edwards of
Bozeman for her
theme idea, "Wagon
Wheels to Ferris
Wheels", that won
the 2010 Gallatin
County Fair Theme!*

FairEver Yours ...

2009 is rapidly coming to a close. Seems like just last month we heralded in the new year!. Time flies when you're having fun and that's just exactly what we specialize in here at the Fairgrounds – FUN!

The year has been full of wonderful surprises and huge successes. Even in these difficult economic times the 2009 Wild West WinterFest was a great success as was the County Fair. Thousands more people visited those two events and left with smiling faces. Many of our residents decided to take a “STAYCATION” and take in all the wonderful events and activities our community has to offer. Another surprise was almost all of the regular annual events that have been held at the Fairgrounds for many years were back again. The Optimists' Garage-a-Rama, Antique Shows, Gun Shows, Home Shows, Horse Shows and many other community events were at the Fairgrounds for people to enjoy. There were even new events added to the Fairgrounds schedule. Multiple concerts, wedding receptions, a Draft Horse Auction, Northwestern Energy Customer Service Event, a new Brew Festival and several other unique activities were hosted for the first time this year.

2009 also brought many things to be thankful for. The many volunteers who help to make the County Fair and WinterFest events the community wants to attend are so appreciated. They donate countless hours to make the events the best that they can be. The many sponsors who step forward with services, products and cash are invaluable. They allow the Fair and WinterFest to grow. The sponsors also help with improvements to the Fairgrounds that make it a friendlier and safer place for those who use it. The volunteer Fair Board members who meet and make decisions to keep the Fairgrounds moving forward are very dedicated community leaders and their time and expertise are real assets to the Fairgrounds and residents of Gallatin County. The support from the residents of the county make it possible for the Fairgrounds to be open and available on a year round basis for youth, cultural, commerce and nonprofit activities and events.

So from the Staff at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds ... THANK YOU EVERYONE! We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season. We know that 2010 will bring more opportunities for us to serve you and to improve the Fairgrounds.

*FairEver Yours,
Sue Shockley
Fairgrounds Manager*



OPEN RIDING is available in the indoor arena .



PLEASE CALL TO RESERVE
YOUR RIDING TIME AT
582-3270.

\$7/Hour/Rider

USEFUL CONTACTS FROM THE FAIRGROUNDS

4-H and Extension Office at 388-3213

Gallatin Saddle & Harness Club ... Contact Vicki Hasler at 582-2270

Galloping Dog Agility ... Daily ... Contact Cynthia Conner at 587-2778

K-9 FUNDamentals - Puppy Classes/Training ... Contact Sami Jones at 388-1047

Paws & People ... Puppy - Dog Behavioral Training ... Contact Nancy Tanner at 522-1558

Public Skating Hours, Icedogs and MSU Hell Cats Hockey Games ... visit www.bozemanhockey.org